

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re:

**RYAN STRAKER,
CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSEE**

Licensee.

: Case No. 2013-019
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**ORDER REVOKING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE AND PLACING ON THE
INVOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST**

On or about March 30, 2012, Ryan Straker filed with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) an application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. The Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Straker to determine his eligibility for such a license. Having found Straker suitable for licensure, the Commission issued a Casino Gaming Employee License to Straker on or about May 8, 2012.

During a subsequent administrative investigation of Straker, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Intent to Revoke, Suspend, Limit, Condition, Restrict, Penalize, and/or Fine and Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated March 28, 2013. (Exhibit A.) Straker received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on April 4, 2013. (Exhibit B.) Straker had the right to a hearing on the license revocation allegations if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing, R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04(A)(1), and the right to a hearing on the allegations concerning his placement on the involuntary exclusion list if requested within 30 days of receiving the Notice, R.C. 3772.031(D). Straker failed to do so for either. Accordingly, no hearing was held and the matter was brought before the Commission on May 15, 2013 for final adjudication. R.C. 119.07, 3772.031(D), and 3772.04(A)(1).

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **FINDS** as follows:

- 1) R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10(C)(1) prohibit Straker from maintaining and/or retaining his license under R.C. 3772. because on or about February 26, 2013, Straker pled guilty to one or more disqualifying offenses, in which he pled guilty to and was found guilty of violating R.C. 2913.02(A)(1) – Theft – a fifth degree felony and/or theft offense as defined in R.C. 2913.01(K)(1).
- 2) For the following reasons, Straker is no longer suitable for licensure as a casino gaming employee in this state, as required by R.C. 3772.10(B), (C)(1), and/or (D)(1):
 - a. On or about July 22, 2012, Straker’s employment with Horseshoe Casino Cleveland was terminated after he was observed taking at least \$500 chips from roulette table 401 and placing them up his sleeve under an arm band, violating Horseshoe Casino Cleveland’s Team Employee Handbook;

- b. On or about September 20, 2012, Straker was indicted on two felony offenses; one count for violating R.C. 2913.02(A)(1) – Theft, and one count for violating R.C. 2923.24(A) – Possessing Criminal Tools, both fifth degree felonies; and
 - c. On or about February 26, 2013, Straker pled guilty to Theft, violating R.C. 2913.02(A)(1), a fifth degree felony, while the state dropped the second count for Possessing Criminal Tools.
- 3) Straker’s presence within a casino facility calls into question the honesty and integrity of the facility’s operations and/or the orderly conduct of the casino gaming operations, as provided for under R.C. 3772.03(G)(2), and/or poses a threat to the interests of the state, to achieving the intents and purposes of R.C. 3772, and/or the strict and effective regulation of casino gaming, as provided for under R.C. 3772.031(B)(1), (4), and/or (B)(8) because:
- a. On or about July 22, 2012, Straker was observed taking at least three \$500 chips from roulette table 401 and placing them up his sleeve under an arm band; and/or
 - b. On or about February 26, 2013, Straker pled guilty to Theft, violating R.C. 293.02(A)(1) – a fifth degree felony and/or theft offense, a disqualifying offense under R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10(C)(1); and/or
 - c. Straker is no longer eligible or otherwise suitable to hold a license issued by the Commission.

In accordance with R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, the matter was submitted to the Commission on May 15, 2013, for final adjudication.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1) Straker’s Casino Gaming Employee License is **REVOKED**;
- 2) Straker shall immediately surrender his license credential to the Commission;
- 3) Straker is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772;
- 4) Straker is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date this Order is served upon him, absent a waiver granted by the Commission commensurate with A.C. 3772-1-04;
- 5) Straker shall be **PLACED** on the Commission’s Involuntary Exclusion List and is **PROHIBITED** from entering any casino facility in this state;;
- 6) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Straker, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and his counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Jo Ann Davidson, Chair
Ohio Casino Control Commission

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

The Party is hereby notified that pursuant to O.R.C. 119.12, this Commission Order may be appealed by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Commission setting forth the Order that the Party is appealing from and stating that the Commission's Order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. The Notice of Appeal may also include, but is not required to include, the specific grounds for the appeal. The Notice of Appeal must also be filed with the appropriate court of common pleas in accordance with O.R.C. 119.12. In filing the Notice of Appeal with the Commission or court, the notice that is filed may be either the original Notice of Appeal or a copy thereof. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 15 days after the date of mailing of this Commission Order.